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Construction of a weir across Nannai odai.

* 97 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of a resolution from the Valibar Seerthirutha Manram, Kallai, Perambalur taluk, regarding the construction of a weir across Nannai odai in Vedakkalur firka, Perambalur taluk; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) No resolution was received by the Government. But a copy of the resolution was received by the Executive Engineer, Tiruchirappalli Division, in May 1953. On examination, the proposal was found not feasible since it was estimated to cost about Rs. 2 lakhs and there would not be sufficient supplies available in the *odai* for the scheme. Hence, the matter was not pursued further."

Village munsifs paid by the Government.

* 98 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many village munsifs are paid by the Government in the State; and

(*b*) how many of them belong to the Harijan community?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
" (*a*) 24,535.
" (*b*) 32."

SRI A. RATNAM:—" கிராம முனிசிபுகளாக வருவதற்கு ஏற்ற தகுதி, திறமை போன்ற யோக்கியதாம்சங்கள் என்னென்ன ? தகுதியும், திறமையுமுள்ள தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட மக்கள் ஏன் கிராம முனிசிபுகளாக வருவதற்கு சர்க்கார் தக்க ஏற்பாடுகளைச் செய்யக்கூடாது ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
" Where the hereditary system prevails, only members of that family can be appointed. In addition to the hereditary claim, a certain test has to be passed."

* 99 *Q.*—

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
" This question may be taken up tomorrow, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER:—" This question will be taken up tomorrow."

Grant of permits to the Emerald and Company for acquiring iron and steel.

* 100 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the total number of permits granted for iron and steel and the actual quantity of iron and steel given to the Emerald and Company, Iron and Steel Merchants, for the period from 1st April 1952 to 30th June 1953 and out of the above the quantity allotted for fabrication purposes during the abovesaid period?